रेलों के अलाभकारी मार्ग

2985. डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन:
श्री राम जेठमलानी:

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में उपनगरीय रेलवे के मार्गों की लगभग 116 शाखाएं अलाभकारी हैं;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या हैं; और क्या यह भी सच है कि इन मार्गों के कारण रेल विभाग को वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान 123.04 करोड़ रुपए की हानि हुई है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है, और ऐसे मामलों से रेल विभाग को बचाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है, और

(घ) उपर्युक्त कार्यवाही के परिणामस्वरूप वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान इस हानि को किस सीमा तक कम किया जा सकेगा?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका): (क) और (ख). जी हां। यह सही है कि 1991-92 में भारतीय रेलों, पर 116 शाखा लाइनें अलाभप्रद पाई गई थीं। यह भी सही है कि भारतीय रेलों को 1991-92 के दौरान इन अलाभप्रद लाइनों की वजह से 123.04 करोड़ रुपए का घाटा हुआ।

(ग) और (घ) हालांकि परिचालन घाटा कम करने के लिए कम से कम कर्मचारियों तथा उपस्करों को लगाने जैसे कई कदम उठाए गए हैं, परन्तु सही-सही यह बताना संभव नहीं है कि किस हद तक यह घाटा कम किया जा सकता है।

Double Track between Deihi-Jakhal-Ferozpur

2986. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Railway Double Track between Delhi-Jakhal-Ferozpiir is likely to be completed;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to have double-track between Jakhal-Ludhiana *via* Dhuri;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) by which year Government propose to electrify the Rail route between Delhi-Ferozpur line and Dclhi-Jakhal-Ludhiana Line *via* Dhuri;

(e) whether Government are - aware. about the problems/hardships of Rail passengers/computers facing due to less number of shuttle trains between Jakhal-Delhi commuters; and?

(f) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to mitigate the above grievances of the commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C LENKA): (a) Delhi-Rohtak is already having a double line. Double track between Rohtak and Jakhal is under construction and is likely to be completed in 1994. On Jakhal-Ferozpur, doubling is not required yet on traffic considerations.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) At present there is no proposal to electrify Delhi-Ferozpur section and Delhi-Jakhal-Ludhiana section *via* Dhuri.

(e) and (f). The following trains are available between Delhi/New Delhi and Jakhal:—

1. 341/342 Delhi-Ferozpur Passenger
2. 343/344 Delhi-Bhathinda Passenger
3. 9023/9024 Bombay-Ferozpur Janta Express
4. 1037/1038 Punjab Mail
5. 3007/3008 Udyan Abha Toofan Express
6. 6017/6018 Himsagar Express
7. 6031/6032 Madras-Jammu Tawi Express
8. 6687/6688 Navyug Express

In addition to the above, 13 trains in each direction are also serving different sub-sections between Delhi/New Delhi and Jakhal. The above services are considered adequate to cater to the needs of the passengers of this section.

Introduction of New Trains in S. C. Railways

2987. DR, YELAMANCH1LI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce new trains in S. C. Railways; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b). Introduction of new trains is a continuous process on indian Railways subject to the traffic justification, operational feasibility and availability of resources.

Justice J. J. Ojha Commission's report on Konkan Railway Project

2988. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work under Konkan Railway Project has been resumed in accordance with the Justice J. J. Ojha Commission's Report and the objections earlier raised by the Catholic Church with regard to the stretch between Mage and Balibe covered; and

(b) what are the details of the present stage! of the project and by when it is proposed to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sr.

(b) 115 kms. of the total of 760 kms. of the Project has been opened to passenger traffic and -the overall average weighted progress is 52%. The target date for completion is 31st March, 1995 subject to availability of resources.

Short fall in goods traffic

2989, SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARMAN: SHRI MISA R. GANESHAN: SHRI J. S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased *to state:*

(a) whether it is a fact that goods traffic in Railways has considerably slackened due to Road transport as well as exhorbitant freight rates in Railways;

(b) what was (he total income of goods traffic in Railways in 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1993; and

(c) whether Government have taken steps to whip up the goods traffic as it was some time back to reduce loss of income to Railways;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. ; LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The total goods income during the years are as under:—

1989-90-Rs. 7624 crores

1990-91 = Rs. 8408 crores

1991-92=Rs. 9462 crores

1992-93=Rs. 10903 crores

(c) The user departments have been requested to offer traffic according to original projections and targets. There is improvement in demand for some commodities like fertilizers, cement etc. and efforts are being made to meet the demand in full.

Running of Super Fast Trains

2990. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of new super fast trains which would be enforced to operate on Railway network;

(b) what is the state-vise iur»ber of